(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) No such complaints observed.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

Computerization of post offices

3128. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission had provided more than 800 crores of rupees for the computerization of post offices and other offices during the Tenth Five year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of post offices computerized till date and names of States where they are located;

(d) whether Government have prepared any scheme for computerization of all post offices to provide better services to the customers; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government has approved a plan for induction of computers in all Head Post Offices, large Sub Post Offices, all Postal Accounts Offices and major Postal Administrative Offices during the Tenth Five Year Plan with a financial outlay of Rs. 836.27 crores.

(c) Till date 2372 post offices have been provided with computers. The State-wise details are indicated in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(d) The approved plan scheme in the Tenth Five Year Plan is for computerization of all Head Post Offices and large Sub Post Offices.

(e) During the Tenth Five Plan it is proposed to computerize all Head Post Offices and large Sub Post Offices numbering about 7700 depending upon the availability of funds and approval of the competent authority. The remaining post offices may be taken up for computerization in a phased manner in the future five-year plans depending upon the traffic of the post offices, availability of funds and required approvals.

Statement

State-wise number of post offices provided with computers till 2004-2005

Sl.No.	Circles	No. of Post Offices
1	Andhra Pradesh	170
2	Assam	110
3	Bihar	57
4	Chhattisgarh	44
5	Delhi	150
6	Gujarat	131
7	Himachal Pradesh	48
8	Haryana	40
9	Jammu & Kashmir	68
10	Jharkhand	33
11	Kerala	173
12	Karnataka	137
13	Madhya Pradesh	61
14	Maharashtra*	252
15	North East**	65
16	Orissa	60
17	Punjab	54
18	Rajasthan	163
19	Tamil Nadu	225
20	Uttar Pradesh	114
21	Uttaranchal	31
22	West Bengal	186
	TOTAL:	2372

* Includes Goa.

** Includes Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Meghalaya, Tripura, Mizoram & Manipur